# BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

## MANNER OF CHENEY'S DEATH.

### Former Brattleboro and Jamaica Man Was Riding in Dead Engine When It Was Struck by Express.

Some further details have been received concerning the railroad accident at Stonington Junction, Conn., on Thursday morning of last week in which Cecil Cheney of New London, formerly of Brattleboro and Jamaica, was killed. When The Phoenix went to press Friday the family had received no notice of the way in which Mr. Cheney lost his life.

Two men were killed and four others more or less seriously injured. An Adams Express train, bound east, which had left New Haven four hours late, over the New Haven road, sideswiped a freight engine which was hauling an eastbound freight train and towing another freight engine, just as the freight was being backed into a siding in the yards at Stonington Junction in order to drop off the extra engine. There was not sufficient clear room and the express engine struck the others, both toppling over, completely wrecked. Two cars of the express and one freight car, coal laden, were also wrecked, but the remainder of the express train, which was made up of steel cars, withstood the shock and stuck to the track.

Mr. Cheney, who was an engine hostler employed in the Midway yard of the New Haven road, was riding on the extra freight engine. About two hours after the collision his body was taken out from under the tender of one of the locomotives, and it was sent to his home in New London Thursday evening. He was a member of Wantastiquet lodge of Odd Fellows of Brattleboro. An obituary notice of him was published in The Phoenix last week.

In its account of the accident the New London Day said: "Cheney had been sent from Midway in charge of engine No. 307, which was being deadheaded in the freight. The 'dead' engine chanced to be directly in the path of the onrushing express across the main line track and received the full impact of the collision, hurling it over on its side and killing Cheney, who was in the cab."

The other person killed was the head engineer of the express train, Charles F. Conolan of South Boston. It was thought that an unknown man was caught beneath the wreckage and killed, but the impression seems to have been erroneous.

Among the thousands who visited the scene of the wreck were a number of souvenir hunters. One young man secured a part of Mr. Cheney's clothing and carried it away as a souvenir.

An inquiry was held Saturday and the testimony of Fred E. Wilbur, towerman, who had to jump from the tower to save his life when the train rolled on to the building, showed that a chain connecting the signal control wires had been discovered to be broken at 4 a. m., an hour before the accident. Wilbur reported to the despatcher at Providence and informed the repair man at Westerly. Flagman Clarence Simpson told the inquisitors that he had had only a week's experience previously as a flagman and that he went back 12 telegraph poles as ordered. He did not know that the Adams express train was coming: had no torpedoes or fuses and simply waved his flag as the train approached.

### Prizes for National Guard Marksmen.

A long list of prizes has been arranged for the successful marksmen in competition by the Vermont National Guard companies at Fort Ethan Allen August 4 to 9. The practice shoot will consist of preliminary and record practice and field firing in charge of First Lieut. J. B. Barnes, 5th Inf., inspector-instructor.

No records except those made on the range during the period will be considered in computing the standing of any individual or company for the present year. To the company having the highest figure of merit will be awarded the centennial trophy and $25; to the second, $20; to the company in each battalion having the highest figure in that battalion, $15; to the company most proficient in field firing the Du Pont national defense trophy, and to the second $10.

To the enlisted man making the highest aggregate score in the marksman's course, a star-guaged United States magazine rifle and $5; second, $5 to enlisted man making highest aggregate score in sharpshooters' contest, $10 in the expert's course; to the man making the highest score at 200 yards slow fire, $5; at 300 yards, $5 and at 500 yards, $5, to the highest man in the skirmish run, $5.

The National Rifle Association medal for 1912 will be awarded to the individual making the highest aggregate score in the marksman's course in addition to the prize for high score mentioned. Commissioned officers are entitled to this medal if their scores are higher but the match is principally for enlisted men.

### Pardoned from Prison.

William C. Buzzell, under sentence of life imprisonment at the Vermont state prison, has been pardoned by Governor Mead.

Buzzell was boarding in the family of a man named Marsh in Northfield in 1898. Mr. Marsh died and circumstances pointed to the fact that he had met his death by poisoning. Buzzell and Mrs. Marsh were arrested, tried and convicted of murder in the first degree. The sentence was hanging, but it was later commuted to life imprisonment. Mrs. Marsh died in prison, January 26, 1904.

When Buzzell was liberated he had reached the age of 60 years.

Dr. Samuel Allen of White River Junction, who has been serving a five to eight year sentence for performing an abortion, was pardoned recently. He had completed two years of his time.

### Literally.

Margaret—They say that Mrs. Baker makes a fortune out of a cure for obesity.

Katharine—Yes. She lives on the fat of the land.—[Life.

## SAYS SOMERSET DAM IS SAFE.

### Expert Engineer Employed by Governor Mead Thinks Construction Right and Materials Suitable.

In a report covering 50 typewritten pages, Alfred R. Noble of New York, of the firm of Noble & Woodard, civil engineers, has submitted to Gov. John A. Mead his findings in regard to the safety of the big dam at Somerset, which is being constructed across the Deerfield river for power purposes. Mr. Noble, who became noted through his findings at the Panama canal, sets forth in detail the procedure followed by him in making his examination of the big dam, together with his conclusions, which end by saying that in his opinion the dam is perfectly safe, provided its construction is followed along the lines thus far developed.

Engineer Noble was requested by Governor Mead to conduct the examination last March, the state's executive acting on petition of persons living in the valley directly in the path of this water should the dam prove unsafe and burst. Four visits to the scene by Mr. Noble were made, the last being in company with Governor Mead, members of his staff and a number of prominent men from the state, together with several newspaper men.

The report takes up in detail the possibilities and probabilities of the work and is accompanied by blue prints showing the situation of the dam and slope of the land, and many comparisons with similar and bigger dams of this construction are submitted. In concluding his report, Mr. Noble says:

"The investigations preliminary to construction have been well developed, and have been completed except in regard to the existence of permeable material overlaying the rock in Rock valley, west of the river. This investigation is now under way.

"The materials in the borrow pits are, in general, suitable for the construction of the dam by hydraulic methods; care will have to be taken in carefully distributing the materials by water after having been delivered at the dam by train, avoiding excessive use of water and it may become necessary to add coarse material to the restraining embankment on each side of the core.

"Great care will have to be taken in preparing the rock surface by removing loose rock, sealing all the fissures and draining springs, if found, so that overflowing water, even in small amounts, cannot come into contact with the earth fill. It would be judicious to increase the width of the clean rock surface, or to build a low intercepting wall, either of which measures will reduce the possibility of the water seeping along the surface of the rock under the bottom of the earth fill.

"The slopes of the dam are in conformity with good practice.

"The capacity of the waterway, as stated by the builders, appears to be ample. This structure has been defined by capacity only, the plans not having been worked out.

"The culvert which is to serve as a by-pass during construction is well designed and properly constructed, and with proper care in building the dam, will not prove a source of danger, contrasting favorably with much construction elsewhere.

"Skill and care in building an earth dam by the hydraulic method are no less needful than in any other form of dam or method of construction. The Somerset dam, if properly built, will be as safe as any similar construction and should not be a cause for apprehension."

## ENGLISHMEN AT NORTHFIELD.

Through a series of five conferences, Northfield works up to a climax in its general conference which comes during the first two weeks in August. With the opening of Gould hall this season, the largest and most finely equipped at Northfield, it is expected that there will be ample room to house even those who have been turned away in former years because of late application.

This year the English speakers include Rev. Charles Brown, pastor of the largest church in North London over 20 years, who is so popular a speaker at home that standing room is at a premium at his services; Rev. James M. Black of Edinburgh, well known as the younger brother of Hugh Black and pastor of one of the largest churches in Scotland; Rev. John A. Hutton of Glasgow, whose powerful addresses of former years have endeared him to the people here; Rev. E. B. H. Macpherson of London, and Rev. D. L. Ritchie of Nottingham.

Two conferences are now in session at Northfield with 600 delegates and 20 meetings daily. The largest summer school for Sunday school workers ever held meets in Stone hall and the home missionary conference gathers in the Auditorium. Dr. James A. Francis of Boston is leading a large Bible course and is to speak at the service next Sunday. He will continue his course until the opening of the general conference.

### Terrible Automobile Accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownell Bates of North Pownal were terribly injured and their guest, Andrew H. Whipple of Boston, was killed, when a touring car owned and driven by Mr. Bates plunged off a bridge near Hoosick, N. Y., Friday night. The car turned over in the dry bed of the stream. Mr. Whipple was thrown 20 feet and his skull was fractured and his neck broken. Mr. and Mrs. Brownell were taken to the railroad station in Hoosick and from there by train to North Adams, where they are now being treated in the hospital. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bates were unconscious when they were found at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, several hours after the accident occurred. Mr. Whipple was a tailor who formerly conducted a store in Bennington, leaving that town about 15 years ago. Mr. Bates is not expected to recover.

### Foiled.

Tramp (to passerby)—"Beg pardon, mister."

Passerby—"Granted! But there's no use begging anything else."—[Boston Transcript.

## WESTMINSTER WEST.

### Death of George C. Harlow.

George C. Harlow, 87, a life-long resident of this parish and a much respected citizen, died in the home of his son, Arthur Harlow, Sunday at 1 p. m. He had been in failing health three months and confined to his bed most of the time.

Mr. Harlow was one of the oldest men in town. He was born Oct. 11, 1824, on East hill. When he was 11 years old the family moved to the farm-house which was burned in 1884, moving at that time to the village where he had since lived. In his early life he attended school in the brick schoolhouse just west of the village. Only one pupil is now living, Miss Gratia Goodell, who attended school with him. Later he attended Burr and Burton seminary in Manchester, Vt. He was the second oldest member of the Congregational church in this place, the above mentioned pupil being the oldest, although both united in the year 1839.

For several years he was an attendant at the famous McLean asylum in Somerville, Mass., where he met and afterwards married Miss Cynthia White Hinds, and they had six children, Emma (Mrs. Fred G. Campbell of this town); Henry, who died of diphtheria when an attendant in the Middletown, Conn., insane asylum; Arthur and Walter G. of this place and Albert, who lives in Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Harlow died 15 years ago. He also leaves 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

For 40 years Mr. Harlow held the office of overseer of the poor, resigning only a few years ago, and for a brief time the office of selectman. He was a man of sterling character, whose honesty, love of justice and personal righteousness will not soon be forgotten. His place in the church during the pastorates of Rev. Mr. Wellman, Dr. Stevens and Rev. H. A. Goodhue was seldom vacant.

The funeral service took place in the home Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. Daniel McIntyre officiating and E. C. Gorham of Boston, a friend of the family, sang two favorite and appropriate selections, "Nearer, my God to Thee," and "One sweetly solemn thought." The burial took place in the cemetery near the church.

Mrs. Lydia Blood of Bellows Falls is staying at George Gould's.

Albert Harlow of Cambridge, Mass., came Monday to attend his father's funeral.

Miss Ruth Harlow is home from her work in Brattleboro for a two weeks' vacation.

Louis Miller and mother, Mrs. M. E. Miller, spent a few days at Ira Miller's on Putney West hill last week.

Mrs. Corlis and daughter, Laura, and Miss Corinne Firman of Springfield, Mass., are at Mrs. F. L. Darling's.

Miss Christa Park and Charles returned to Springfield Monday after spending a three week's vacation with Mrs. Darling.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Houghton and daughter, Mildred, are spending a week with Mr. Houghton's mother, Mrs. Susan Houghton.

A very pleasant meeting of the ladies' aid society was held in the home of Mrs. Helen Shattuck last week Thursday. Arrangements were made to have an ice cream sale and entertainment the last week in August.

George Burbee, whose serious illness was mentioned in The Phœnix last week, died at Mr. Gleason's home early Friday morning. The body was taken to his home in Bondville for burial, and the funeral was held there Sunday.

In the Congregational church Sunday morning the pastor will speak on the subject, "The unjust steward." In school district No. 1 at 3 o'clock the topic will be "The great supper." In the evening the monthly consecration meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held. Topic, "The Christian virtues, temperance." Romans 12: 9-17. No evening preaching service during August.

### Democrats and the Tariff.

There is no ambiguity in the Democratic platform to the tariff. It starts off on the tariff. The first blow at the evils the party would correct is struck at the wicked protective tariff. Here is the first paragraph in the platform: "We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the federal government under the constitution has no right or power to impose or collect tariff duties except for the purpose of revenue." Is there any room left for any degree of protective duties? How is the party to protect American labor on that declaration? "The high Republican tariff is the principal cause of the unequal distribution of wealth." This is the opening of the second paragraph in the platform. Of course the party will at once set about giving us an equal distribution of wealth. Nothing could be easier. Just give us the same kind of tariff laws that they have in Great Britain, and then you have it.—[Northampton Gazette.

### A New Sugar Bill.

Congress adopted Friday a sugar bill which will cost the government $5,500,000 a year in receipts and will add $20,000,000 to the bank accounts of the consumers of this country. Also the bill was a Republican tariff bill, the first purely Republican revision measure of the present Congress.

The sugar bill was a compromise between the Lodge plan, indorsed by the regular Republicans, and the Bristow bill, behind which the progressives lined up. It would cut the present sugar duty of $1.90 to $1.60; would abolish the Dutch standard, under which practically no refined sugar can be imported, and would abolish the 7½ cent "refiners' differential," an additional duty on refined sugar, which, it is claimed, has accrued directly to the profit of the sugar refiners.

### An Excise Tax Bill.

Democrats and progressives united again in the Senate Thursday night and by a vote of 36 to 18 passed the Democratic excise tax bill, extending the present tax on corporations, to the business of individuals, private firms and copartnerships. Attached to the measure, also by the aid of Republican votes, were amendments for the repeal of the Canadian reciprocity law and the fixing of a $2 per ton tariff on print paper; and for the establishment of a permanent non-partisan tariff commission.

### Killed in Runaway Accident.

George Bromley, 50, of Pawlet, was killed in a peculiar runaway accident Friday while returning from Granville, N. Y. Workmen on the highway saw Bromley's horse running away. Bromley wavered in the seat and then fell into the spokes of one of the whirling wheels. An arm and a leg became wedged in the spokes, and the horse ran fully a mile before stopping. It was necessary to remove the wheel before the body could be extricated. The body was badly mangled and many bones were broken.

The New York Central railroad will build a five million dollar hotel over its Grand Central station, which will contain 1000 rooms and be called the Biltmore. This is the name of the Vanderbilt estate in the North Carolina mountains. The contract for the hotel has been let, and work will begin at once. The company will thus get some direct return on the land occupied by the station. This land is very valuable, and the taxes and interest on it will cost several millions a year.

## MARLBORO.

Miss Hattie Brayman of New York is spending her vacation here.

Mrs. R. L. Adams of Gill, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. E. P. Adams.

Miss Mary Hughes came last week from Rome, N. Y., where she had been two or three weeks.

Miss Anna and Thomas McGrath of Holyoke are with Mrs. E. P. Adams to remain several weeks.

Miss Hazel Whitney will take charge of the meeting in the Winchester schoolhouse Sunday evening, Aug. 4.

Mrs. Henry Warnock and children, who were at the Poplars two weeks or more, went to their home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadlock went home Monday after visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. L. Worden, two or three weeks.

A ball game will be played between the Dover and Marlboro teams Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, on the grounds near Mr. Goodwin's.

Miss Rena Mather, having taken a rest of two weeks at her home, returned to Brattleboro early this week. She is employed in the Clark grocery store.

Mrs. H. F. Whitney came home from North Adams early this week and with her came Mrs. Rufus Brown of North Adams and Mrs. Sarah Cone of Newton, Mass.

The lawn party given by the Young People's club with Mrs. Wallace Johnson was a success. The grounds were well lighted and a good time was enjoyed by a large number of young people.

## WEST DUMMERSTON.

Mrs. Earl Taylor and children are guests this week of Mrs. James Clark, jr.

Mrs. R. E. Coombs is spending the week with her husband in Norwich, Conn.

The women of the Grange will serve ice cream in the hall Tuesday evening, Aug. 2

The social held by the Busy Bees Tuesday evening was successful and very enjoyable.

George Johnson, who had been employed in Athol, Mass., several months, returned here Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Knight, who spent the winter in Akron, Ohio, came to her home here last week, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Helen Bliss.

F. T. Barber of Montpelier, who is taking orders for nursery stock, has a novelty in the way of a traveling companion, it being a young fox which rides beside him, though not yet without being securely fastened. The animal, which was young, was taken with others of its kind from a burrow in West Townshend, where the present owner secured it.

## WEST GUILFORD.

Miss Florence Fisher is working for Mrs. R. B. Thomas.

Miss Lena Hill of Halifax is working for Mrs. George LaPlante.

Mr. and Mrs. James Avery of Buckland, Mass., was a guest this week at Willard Fisher's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Streeter and children of Brattleboro were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Prouty.

Mrs. Eliza Moore of West Brattleboro is spending two weeks with her nephew, A. G. Nichols and family.

Mrs. Loella Lake has had a fine monument placed in the church cemetery on the graves of her husband and son.

Mrs. John Henderson and her young grandchild of Pawtucket and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Franklin and son of Valley Falls came Tuesday to spend two weeks with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Merrifield.

### Advice to Boys and Girls.

Save your pennies and send them to the Hyde Park Savings bank.

That bank receives either pennies, dimes or dollars.

Why?

Because it wishes to encourage the children to be frugal and to have a little bank account of their own, even though the initial deposit is the smallest possible sum.

Children who commence an account on a penny, a nickle, or a dime, often grow into capitalists later on.

The way to become a capitalist is to commence now to save the pennies.

## BRATTLEBORO MARKET REPORT.

### PRICES AT WHOLESALE

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| Fowls, live, | 14 |
| Fowls, dressed, | 18@30 |
| Beef, dressed, native, | 8@10 |
| Veal, live, | 6@7½ |
| Pork, live, | 6½ |
| Pork, dressed, | 8½ |
| Hides, | 7 |
| Butter, lb, | 25@30 |
| Cheese, lb, | 16@18 |
| Eggs, fresh, | 25 |
| Maple syrup, gal., | 85@1.10 |
| Calfskins, | 60@1.25 |
| Beans, pea, bu., | 3.00 |
| Beans, yellow eye, | 3.00 |
| Beans, pea, | 12c qt., 85c pk. |
| Beans, yellow eye, | 12c qt., 85c pk. |

### PRICES AT RETAIL.

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| Flour, roller process, bbl., | $6.50 |
| Flour, patent, | 7.50 |
| Sugar, refined, | 6½c, 16 lbs for 1.00 |
| Maple syrup, gal., | 1.25 |
| Molasses, gal., | 50@70 |
| Butter, creamery, lb, | 40 |
| Butter, dairy, | 27@35 |
| Eggs, fresh, | 30 |
| Salt, T. I., bu., | 60 |
| Salt, table, 10 lb. bag, | 15 |
| Cider vinegar, gal., | 20@30 |
| Indian meal, bolted, | 3 |
| Granulated corn meal, | 3½ |
| Graham flour, | 3½ |
| Rye meal, | 3½ |
| Rye flour, | 4 |
| Oatmeal, | 5 |
| Potatoes, new, pk, | 35 |
| Potatoes, pk, | 25 |
| Lemons, doz., | 35 |
| Beets, bunch, | 10 |
| Raisins, lb, | 12 |
| Raisins, seeded, pkg., | 13c, 2 for 25c |
| Onions, Texas, | 5 |
| Cabbage, lb., | 5 |
| Kerosene, gal., | 12 |
| Kerosene, 5 gal., | 55 |

### Meats.

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| Round steak, | 25 |
| Sirloin steak, | 35 |
| Corned beef, | 8@16 |
| Tongues, lb., | 25 |
| Veal steak, | 30 |
| Pork steak, | 30 |
| Roast pork, | 15@23 |
| Sausage, | 25 |
| Hams, whole, | |
| Sliced ham, | |
| Hams, minced, | 20 |
| Spring Lamb chops | 20@35 |
| Spring Lamb [illegible] | 25 |
| Spring Lamb, f[illegible] | 18 |
| Spring Lamb, h[illegible] quarter, | 30 |
| Porterhouse steak, | 35 |
| Roast beef, | 16@30 |
| Chickens, | 25 |
| Fowls, | 25 |
| Tripe, honeycomb, | 10 |
| Lard, | 14 |
| Pork chops, | 20 |

### Grain and Feed.

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| Hay, baled, ton, | $3.00@32.00 |
| Hay, loose, ton, | 20.00@22.00 |
| Corn, bu., | 98@1.00 |
| Corn meal, cwt., | 1.75@1.80 |
| Cracked corn, | 1.75@1.80 |
| Mixed feed, | 1.65@1.75 |
| Oats, bu., | 70@75 |
| Bran, | 1.55@1.60 |
| Provender, | 1.75@1.80 |
| Middlings, | 1.60@1.65 |
| Cottonseed meal, | 1.80@1.85 |
| Gluten feed, | 1.80@1.85 |
| Linseed oil meal, | 2.15@2.20 |
| Old process oil meal, | 2.15@2.20 |













## Central Vermont Railway

### Trains Leave Brattleboro.

2.25 a. m. Except Sunday. Express for Springfield and New York.
3.40 a. m. Seashore limited daily for New London, Worcester and Boston.
5.40 a. m. Daily. Express for Springfield and New York.
7.00 a. m. Except Sunday. Local for Springfield and New York.
8.50 a. m. Except Sunday. Local for New London, Worcester and Boston.
9.20 a. m. Except Sunday. Local for Springfield and New York.
9.20 a. m. Except Sunday. Local for South Londonderry.
1.13 p. m. Except Sunday. For Springfield and New York.
1.55 p. m. Except Sunday. Local for Springfield and New York.
2.15 p. m. Except Sunday. Local for South Londonderry.
3.50 p. m. Except Sunday. Local for New London, Worcester, Boston and New York via the Norwich Line Steamers.
4.17 p. m. Daily. Express for Springfield and New York.
7.00 p. m. Except Sunday. Local for South Londonderry.
8.27 p. m. Sundays only. Local for Springfield and New York.
8.34 p. m. Except Sunday. Local for Springfield and New York.

### Trains Arrive in Brattleboro.

12.15 a. m. Seashore limited. Daily. From New London, Worcester and Boston.
2.25 a. m. Express from New York. Except Monday.
8.50 a. m. Daily. Mail from New York, Boston and Worcester.
8.50 a. m. Except Sunday. Mail from South Londonderry.
11.05 a. m. Except Sunday. Mail from Springfield.
1.35 p. m. Except Sunday. Express from New London, Worcester and Boston.
1.50 p. m. Except Sunday. Local from South Londonderry.
1.55 p. m. Except Sunday. Express from New York.
2.23 p. m. Except Sunday. Express from New York and Springfield.
2.27 p. m. Sunday only. Express from New York.
5.50 p. m. Except Sunday. Local from New York and Springfield.
6.30 p. m. Except Sunday. Mail from South Londonderry.
8.00 p. m. Except Sunday. Mail from New London, Worcester and Boston.
10.30 p. m. Daily. Express from New York and Springfield.